

**Kentucky Historic Resources  
Individual Survey Form**  
(KHC 91-1)

County Lewis  
Resource # LW 35  
Related Group # \_\_\_\_\_  
Intensive Doc. \_\_\_\_\_ /  
Evaluation D /  
Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ /

*For instructions, see the Kentucky Historic Resources Survey Manual.*

- \*1. NAME OF RESOURCE (How Determined): 3/  
**John McElhaney Residence**
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2. ADDRESS /LOCATION:  
.2 mile north of St. Paul on East side of KY 8
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3. UTM REFERENCE:  
Quad Name: Friendship  
Date: 1974 Zone: 17  
Easting: 3/1/9/7/4/0  
Northing: 4/2/8/2/2/4/0  
Accuracy: A/
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4. Owner/Address: NITA M. CROPPER  
PO BOX 543  
9. PORTSMOUTH, KY 41174
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5. Field Recorder /Affiliation:  
Lynn David/MSU
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6. Date Recorded: 10/24/95
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7. Sponsor: KHC
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8. Initiation: 1/Grant
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9. Other Documentation/Recognition:  
☐ Survey ☐ HABS/HAER  
☐ KY Land ☐ Local Land  
☐ NR ☐ R & C  
☐ NHL  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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10. Original Primary Function: 0/1/A  
Residence
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11. Current Primary Function: 0/9/F  
Hay Storage
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- \*12. Construction Date: 7/ 1840-1860 *estimated*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *documented*
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- \*13. Date of Major Modifications: (Specify)  
6/ Rear one story addition  
4/ Removal and replacement of porches
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14. Construction Method/Material:  
W/2/balloon frame/wood *Original*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Subsequent*
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15. Dimensions  
Height 2 Width 34' Depth 14' 10"
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16. Plan:  
K / I House first  
\_\_\_\_\_ second  
\_\_\_\_\_ third
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17. Stylistic Influence:  
3 / mid 19th c.: 1 / Greek Revival first  
4 / Victorian: 2 / Itallinate second  
\_\_\_\_\_ third
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18. Style Development:  
P/ first R/ second \_\_\_\_\_ third
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19. Foundation:  
Type: 1/pier Material: A/stone *original*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *replacement*
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20. Primary Wall Material:  
I/weatherboard *original*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *replacement*
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21. Roof Configuration/Covering:  
Configuration: A/ side gable Covering: 0/ unknown *original*  
\_\_\_\_\_ 7/ metal *replacement*
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22. Condition: P/
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23. Modification: 1/
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- \*24. Negative File #: 95/13/7-22LD
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X IDENTIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_ INTENSIVE

CATEGORY #'s 1,12,13

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John McElhaney Residence  
Highway 8  
Lewis County, Kentucky

1. John McElhaney came from Ireland and purchased the property and home in 1868 from the Samuel Bruce family. The property on which the house sits is situated in Possum Hollow, so designated by the USGS map. The property has belonged to the heirs of John McElhaney from that date. John's daughter Lyda is said to have made bullets used in preventing John Hunt Morgan from entering their home in Portsmouth during the Civil War.

12. The simple Greek Revival I house has interior end chimneys which vented wood burning fireplaces downstairs and in each upstairs bed chamber. The fireplaces have been plastered over, but the simple mantles remain. Although plain in design, the mantles have been carefully constructed with dovetailed joinery. The fireplaces were originally surrounded by slightly arched brick frames with brick header keystones. Eared lintels top 6/4 original hand blown lights. The lintels of the doors are also eared with the original bedroom doors consisting of 4 raised panels. The exterior first floor door on the front elevation is surrounded by rectangular transom and sidelights with 3 side lights on each side of the second floor exterior door. All of the rooms have been covered with plaster on the walls and ceilings. The floors are laid with hand wrought nails. The exterior weatherboard also was attached with hand wrought nails. The turned posts on the front porch and heavy curved brackets give a hint of the Itallinate style, but may have been original to the building. Originally there were shutters on all of the windows, but only their ghost remains.

A stone lined well sits to the northeast of the rear shed addition. It has been surrounded at a much later unknown date with concrete blocks and the ghost of a wooded well cover is present. A stone cellar is located to the north of the rear addition and capped with a wood frame building which has deteriorated and is unsafe to enter. It is unknown when this building was erected.

13. An early addition to the house was the rear shed addition which probably housed an attached kitchen, but may have been used as a dining room because a plain chair rail is still intact. Family lore states there have been no structural changes to the building since it was purchased by McElhaney and this survey concurred with their lore.



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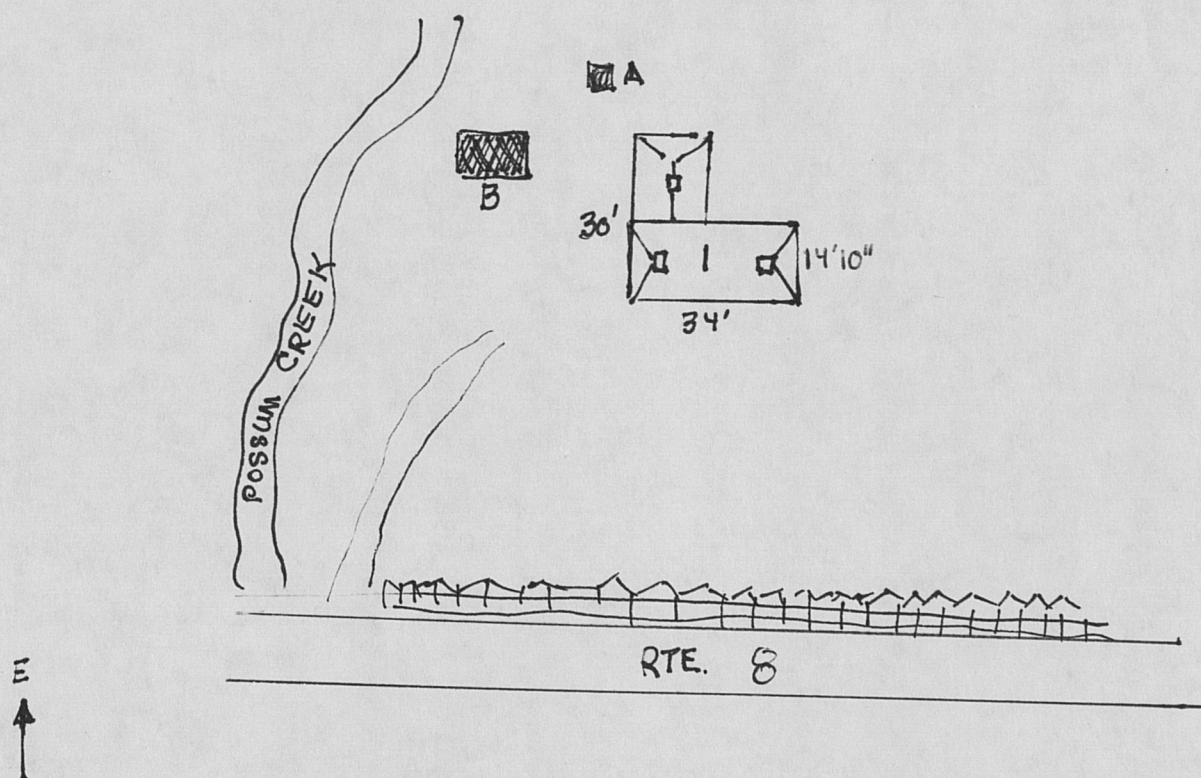
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SITE PLAN KEY1  
A  
BFUNCTIONRESIDENCE  
WELL  
CELLAR/STORAGECONSTRUCTION DATE1840-1860  
UNKNOWN  
UNKNOWNMETHOD/MATERIALFRAME/WOOD  
STONE  
STONE/FRAME WOOD

26. SITE PLAN (Complete if #25 was answered).



27. MAP.



Description taken from  
Commissioners Report

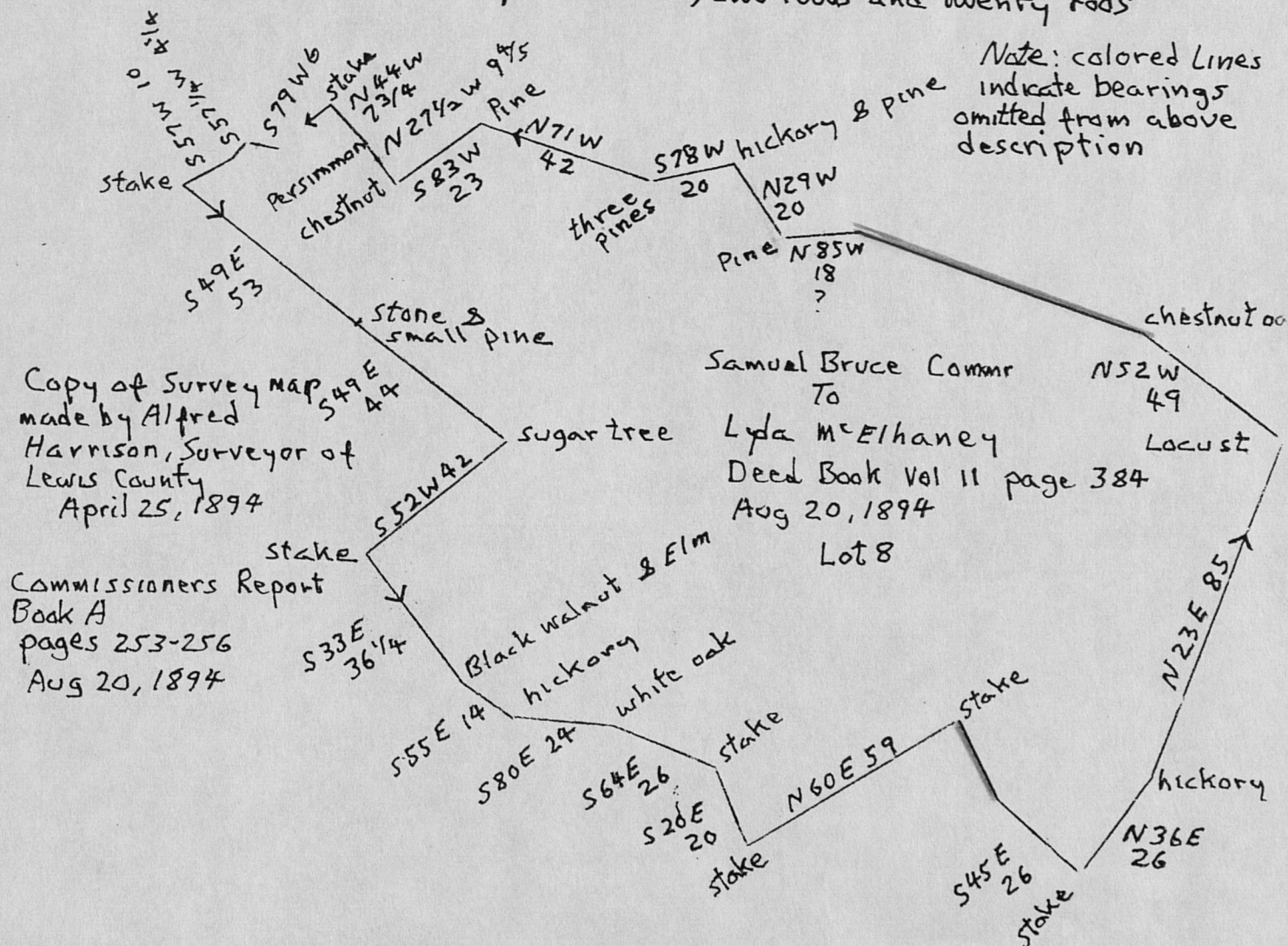
B. F. Branham

vs

Samuel McElhaney et al

son of John

Beginning at a stake standing nearly in front of the homestead house;  
corner to Lot No. 6, thence North with the Line of the same N 79 W 6 poles  
to a stake, S 57 W 4 1/4 poles to a stake, corner to Lot No. 5, thence with the  
Line of the same S 57 W 10 poles to a stake, S 49 E 53 poles to a stone and  
small pine, corner to Lot No. 11, thence with a Line of the same and one of  
Lot No. 12 S 49 E 44 poles to a sugar tree, thence S 52 W 42 poles to a stake  
standing in the original Line, thence with the same S 33 E 36 1/4 poles to a  
black walnut and elm, thence S 55 E 14 poles to a hickory; thence S 80 E 24  
poles to a white oak, thence S 64 E 26 poles to a black walnut, thence  
S 20 E 20 poles to a stake, thence N 60 E 59 poles to a stake, thence S 45 E 26  
poles, thence N 36 E 26 poles to a hickory, thence N 23 E 85 poles to a  
Locust, thence N 52 W 49 poles to a chestnut oak, thence N 85 W 18 poles  
to a pine, thence N 29 W 20 poles to a hickory and pine, thence S 78 W 20  
poles to three pines, thence N 71 W 42 poles to a pine, thence S 83 W 23  
poles to a chestnut, thence N 27 1/2 W 9 1/5 poles to two persimmon bushes  
corner to the school house Lot, thence with a Line of the same N 44 W 7 3/4  
poles to a stake, thence S 42 W poles to the place of beginning,  
containing one hundred and forty seven acres, two roods and twenty rods





Stephen Morgan

PHC To Deed Book R page 494 (owned for 5yrs)  
Bruce 1863

Beginning at a stake in place of a beech  
on River bank corner to W<sup>m</sup> Elliott  
S 35 E 177 with same line to stake in low  
bottom of the creek

N 36 E 123 to a stake  
N 43 E 40 stake in county road  
N 18 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> W 86 stake on River bank  
S 69 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> W 188 down River to beginning  
containing 119 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres

scale .45 = 1 pole

Frank McElhane

Ida L. McElhane<sup>10</sup>y

Deed Book 10 page 319

1893 50 acres

S42W 76

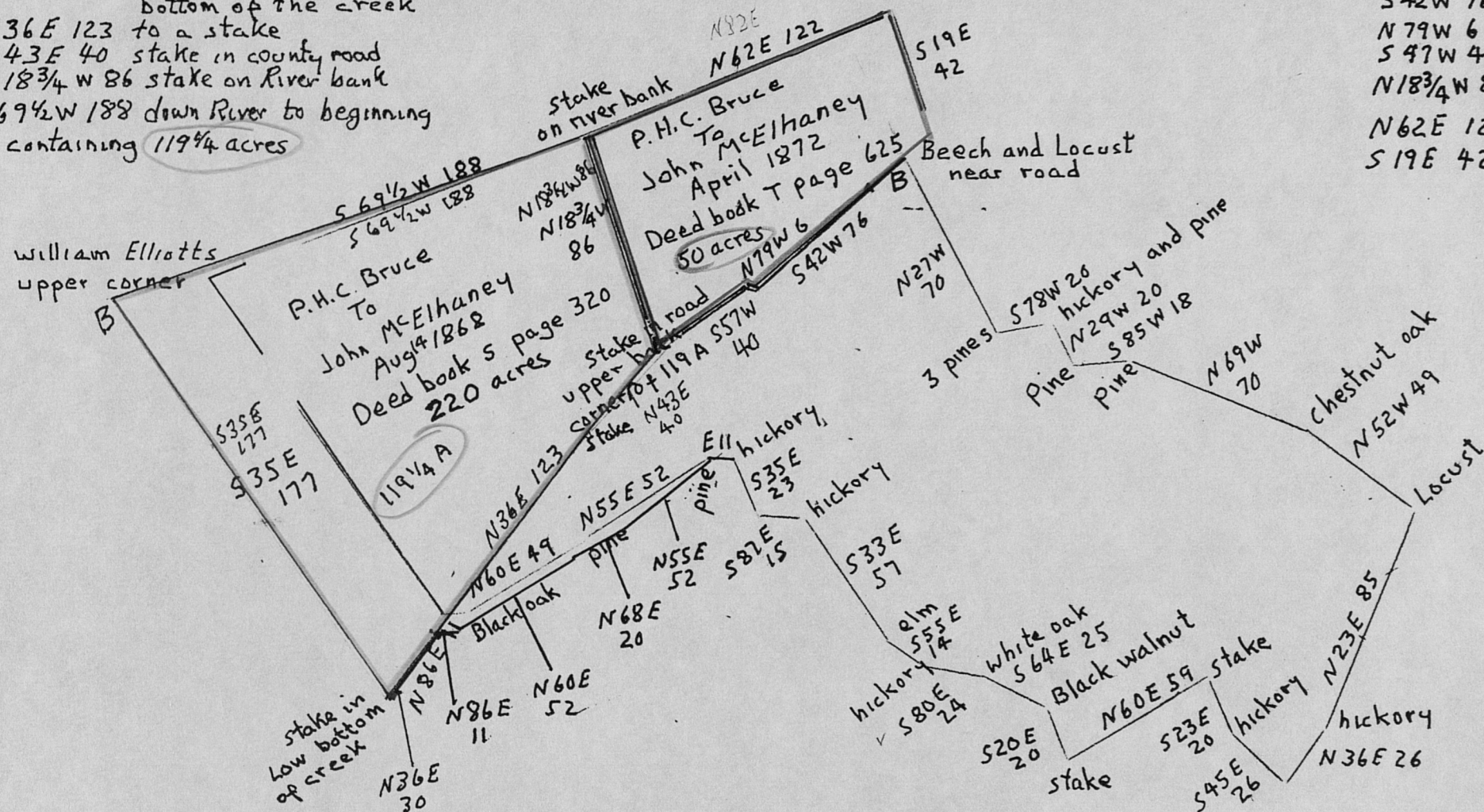
N 79W 6

547W 40

N 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> W 86

N 62 E 120

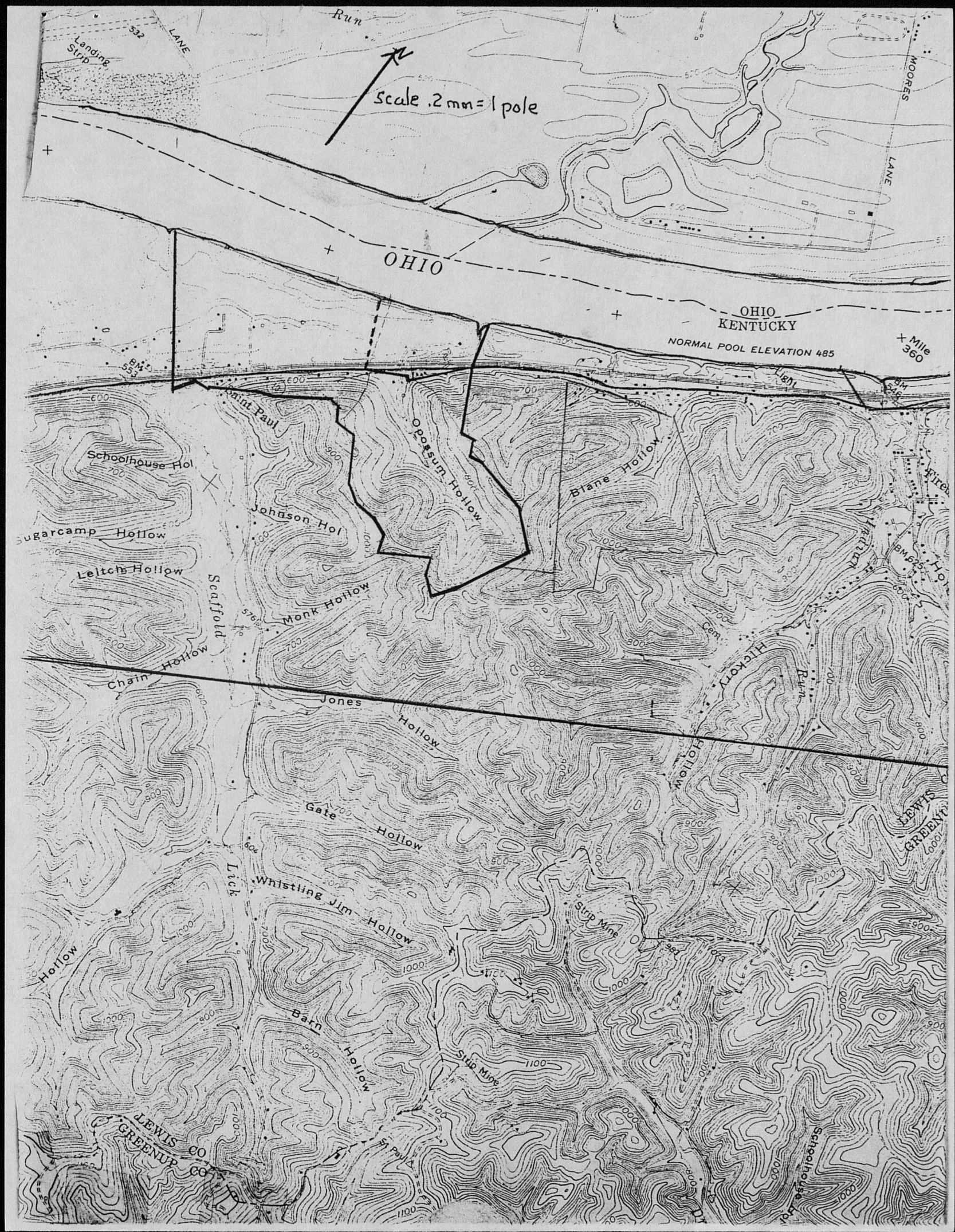
519E 42











Run

Scale .2 mm = 1 pole

OHIO

OHIO  
KENTUCKY

NORMAL POOL ELEVATION 485

Mile  
360

Schoolhouse Hol

Sugarcamp Hollow

Letch Hollow

Scaffold

Chain Hollow

Johnson Hol

Monk Hollow

Jones Hollow

Gate Hollow

Whistling Jim Hollow

Barn Hollow

Blane Hollow

Hickory Run

LEWIS  
GREEN

LEWIS CO  
GREENUP CO

Schoolhouse Hol